

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for the San Fernando Valley I-5 HOV Improvement Project

*San Fernando Valley* — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) as part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change.

### Golden State Freeway (I-5) Closures

*Sunday, March 20, through Friday, March 25*

- Up to three lanes of Northbound I-5 from SR-170 to SR-118  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Osborne Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Osborne Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Sheldon Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Sheldon Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Terra Bella Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Van Nuys Boulevard Off-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Paxton Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to four lanes of Southbound I-5 from SR-118 to SR-170  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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- Southbound I-5 Connector to Southbound SR-170  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Branford Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Terra Bella Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Van Nuys Boulevard On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Van Nuys Boulevard Off-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Paxton Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Osborne Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Osborne Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

### **Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) Closures**

*Sunday, March 20, through Friday, March 25*

- One lane of the Northbound SR-170 Connector to Northbound I-5  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Roscoe Boulevard On-Ramp to Northbound SR-170  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

### **Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) Closures**

*Sunday, March 20, through Friday, March 25*

- Eastbound SR-118 Connector to Southbound I-5  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Westbound SR-118 Connector to Southbound I-5  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

### **About the Project**

This project involves the construction of an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

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This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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